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U.S. Patent Documents:

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A copy of each of the above-identified documents is enclosed unless otherwise indicated on the attached Form PTO-1449 (modified). It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims, and signs the enclosed form PTO-1449 to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application.

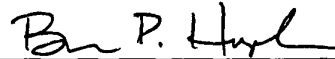
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